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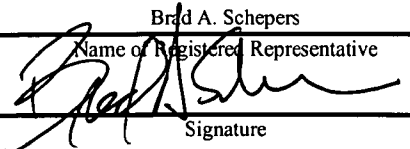
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	INTERVERTEBRAL SPACERS WITH SIDE)	
	WALL ACCESSIBLE INTERIOR CAVITY)	July 14, 2008

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated May 13, 2008, please consider the following amendments and remarks. The two-month early response period for responding to the final Office Action expired on July 13, 2008, which fell on a Sunday, thereby extending the two-month early response period to July 14, 2008 (the first business day after July 13, 2008). Additionally, please provide any extensions of time necessary and charge any additional fees which may be necessary to Deposit Account No. 12-2424, but not to include any payment of issue fees.

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